

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Information for Touring the World Headquarters at Warwick, New York

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to inform you that the world headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at Warwick, New York, will open for tours on **Monday, April 3, 2017**. In preparation for this historic event, we are providing details for those who wish to make arrangements to tour the facilities at Warwick. Some of the information in this letter will also prove helpful for those touring other Bethel facilities.

**Address:** The Warwick facilities are located some 45 miles northwest of New York City at 1 Kings Drive, Tuxedo Park, New York 10987. Since the facilities are not accessible by public transportation, those who visit must provide their own transportation.

**Self-Guided Exhibits:** These exhibits differ from a standard Bethel tour in that rather than being explained by a designated Bethel tour guide, the exhibits are self-guided. There will be three exhibits:

1. "The Bible and the Divine Name": This exhibit will feature rare Bibles and highlight how God's name has been preserved in the Scriptures despite efforts to remove it. The exhibit will also include a rotational gallery, which will feature additional rare Bibles and Bible-related artifacts.
2. "A People for Jehovah's Name": This exhibit will provide a visual history of the spiritual heritage of Jehovah's Witnesses. Artifacts, graphic displays, and first-person accounts will show how Jehovah has progressively guided, taught, and organized his people to do his will.
3. "World Headquarters—Faith in Action": This is an interactive exhibit that will explain the work of the Governing Body committees and how they help Jehovah's people to follow the Scriptural directives to meet together, to make disciples, to take in spiritual food, and to show love toward one another.

**Guided Tours:** A 20-minute guided tour will be available. It will highlight certain sections of the Office/Services Building and the Bethel grounds.

**Tour Hours:** Beginning April 3, 2017, *self-guided tours* in Warwick will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The brief *guided tours* will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Before planning your visit, please check [jw.org](http://jw.org) under ABOUT US > OFFICES & TOURS > UNITED STATES.

**Additional Features:** A multipurpose room near the main lobby will be available for the use of visitors who have brought their own lunch or who need a place to rest between tours. Outdoor pavilions will also be provided for this purpose, weather permitting. Changing rooms will be

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available near the visitor parking area so that those who have traveled long distances will have a place to change their clothing before or after touring.

**Tour Scheduling:** In order for you to enjoy your tour fully, an online reservation tool will soon be available on [jw.org](http://jw.org) so that you can schedule and confirm your visit in advance. (1 Cor. 14:33, 40) All who plan to tour the world headquarters facilities at Warwick and Patterson, New York, as well as the United States branch office at Wallkill, New York, **regardless of the size of the group**, should use this reservation tool. More information regarding the use of this tool will be provided in the near future. **Please wait to schedule your visit to Warwick until further instructions are received.**

**Dress and Grooming:** Visits to Bethel facilities have proved to be encouraging opportunities for building faith in Jehovah and seeing what he is accomplishing by means of his organization. Bethel means “House of God.” Therefore, regardless of the Bethel facility we visit, our dress and grooming should be in keeping with godly principles and should reflect the decency and dignity that befit servants of Jehovah God.—2 Cor. 6:3, 4; *od* pp. 125-126.

A four-page brochure entitled *Dress and Grooming for Visitors Touring Bethel* has been provided to assist those visiting Bethel. It contains Scriptural principles related to dress and grooming as well as helpful direction regarding what would and would not be acceptable attire for touring Bethel. A copy of this brochure will be posted on the information board so that all can become acquainted with its contents. Before your visit, please review this brochure. By exercising care in the way we dress and groom ourselves, we show that we are doing “all things for God’s glory.”—1 Cor. 10:31; John 17:16; 1 Tim. 2:9, 10.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with these arrangements. We look forward to having you visit our world headquarters at Warwick. Please be assured of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation  
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

c: Circuit overseers

PS to bodies of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first midweek meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board for one month. Additionally, the *Dress and Grooming for Visitors Touring Bethel* brochure will be available on [jw.org](http://jw.org) for viewing by those with the “View Forms-General” role. It should be printed in color, if possible, and then placed on the information board for one month. When you become aware of anyone planning to visit world headquarters or any branch facility, please kindly review the brochure with the individual so that he or she may be properly attired during the visit.